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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON OF AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE ALI ALIREZA

1. AMBASSADOR SOWAYEL, IN A LAST-DITCH EFFORT TO REMAIN IN WASHINGTON, ASKED PRINCE FAHD TO EXTEND HIS EMBASSY "ON COMPASSIONATE GROUNDS." AMBASSADOR DESIGNATE ALI ALIREZA TOLD THE AMBASSADOR HE HAD BEEN TOLD INFORMALLY THAT FAHD HAD AGREED. HE SAID THAT IF IT WERE IN FACT TRUE, HE WOULD ASK THAT HIS NAME BE WITHDRAWN IMMEDIATELY. HE HAD ASKED FOR A MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER PRINCE SAUD IMMEDIATELY ON THE PRINCE'S RETURN FROM ENGLAND, BUT WAS UNABLE TO SEE HIM UNTIL OCT 27.

2. PRINCE SAUD SAID THAT HE HAD REJECTED SOWAYEL'S REQUEST (NO REFERENCE WAS MADE TO PRINCE FAHD) AND THAT HE WANTED ALIREZA TO LEAVE AS SCHEDULED.

3. ACCORDINGLY, SOWAYEL WILL RELINQUISH HIS POST THE END OF OCTOBER BUT INTENDS TO STAY ON IN WASHINGTON. (ALIREZA TOLD THE AMBASSADOR HE WILL HAVE THE EX-AMBASSADOR AS HIS NEIGHBOR.) AMBASSADOR AND MRS. ALIREZA AND MONICA ADWARDS (MRS. ALIREZA'S DAUGHTER BY A PREVIOUS MARRIAGE) ARE NOW SCHEDULED TO LEAVE JIDDA NOV 4, SPEND A WEEK IN EUROPE AND ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON NOV 12.
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